

ASHBY WOULD'S URBAN
DISTRICT COUNCIL,

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
for the Year 1943.

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Public Health Staff

- (1) Medical Officer of Health (Part time) - Thomas Forsyth M.B.
Ch.B. (Glas), D.P.H. (Camb).
- (2) Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector (Full time) -
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To
The Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of
Ashby Would's.

Gentlemen:

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the Sanitary
State of your District for the year 1943.

SECTION A :-

I :- STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	2336 Acres
Population - R.G.'s Estimate	3037
No. of Inhabited Houses at end of 1943	848
Rateable Value	£17,176
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£ 63

The Chief Industries of the District are:- Agriculture, Coalmining
Earthenware and Brickmaking. No particular Occupation was noted
as having a specially injurious effect on the health of the
population during the year.

II :- VITAL STATISTICS.

		Total	Male	Female
Live Births	Legitimate	62	42	20
	Illegitimate	1	1	0
		<u>63</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>20</u>

Birth Rate - 20.74 per 1,000 population.

England & Wales Birth Rate 1943 = 16.5 per 1,000 population.

		Total	Male	Female
Still Births	Legitimate	2	1	1
	Illegitimate	0	0	0
		<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Still Birth Rate = 30.77 per 1,000 (live & still) Births

or Still Birth Rate = 0.65 per 1,000 population.

England & Wales Still Birth Rate, 1943 = 0.51 per 1,000 population

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DEATHSTOTAL
37Male
27Female
10

Death Rate = 12.1 per 1,000 population.

England & Wales Death Rate = 12.1 per 1,000 population.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes :-

Rate per 1,000 total(live & still)
Births.

	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Ashby Wolds District</u>	<u>England & Wales 1943.</u>
(a) Sepsis	0	0	0.84
(b) other causes.	$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{15.3}{15.3}$	$\frac{1.45}{2.29}$

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	4	3	1
Illegitimate	$\frac{0}{4}$	$\frac{0}{3}$	$\frac{0}{1}$

Infantile Mortality Rate = 63.49 per 1,000 Live Births.

England & Wales Infantile Mortality Rate, 1943 = 49 per
1,000 Live Births.Death Rate of Legitimate Infants = 64.5 per 1,000 Legitimate
Live Births.Death Rate of Illegitimate Infants = Nil per 1,000
Illegitimate Live Births.

Deaths occurring from the following Diseases during 1943:-

Cancer (all ages)	4
Measles (all ages)	0
Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Diarrhoea etc. (under 2 years)	0

Causes of Death During 1943.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis (Respiratory System).....	1	1	2
Influenza.....	0	0	0
Cancer (Stomach & Duodenal).....	1	0	1
Cancer (Buccal M, & Uterus F).....	1	0	1
Cancer (all other sites)	2	0	2
Diabetes	0	1	1
Intracranial Vasc. Lesions.....	2	1	3
Heart Disease	9	1	10
Bronchitis	3	1	4
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	0	2
Appendicitis.....	1	0	1
Other maternal causes	0	1	1
Premature Births	1	1	2
Other violent causes	1	0	1
All other causes	2	1	3
	<u>27</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>37</u>

Chief Causes of Death during 1943.

Heart Disease 10 - Cerebral Haemorrhage 3 - Cancer 4 -
Tuberculosis 2 - Bronchitis 4 - Pneumonia 3.

SECTION B. :-

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

HOSPITALS;)

(A) 1. Fever:- Hospitals are provided for the treatment of Infectious Diseases by the Leicestershire Combined Hospitals Committee.

The nearest Hospitals to your Area are Markfield (54 beds) and Hinckley (23 beds).

2. Smallpox:- Hospitals are provided by the Leicestershire County Council at Snarestone (23 beds) and Syston (15 beds).

(B) 1.

Tuberculosis:- The Sanatorium at Markfield is adequately equipped for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis of all types, with 126 Beds.

2. Maternity:- The Cottage Hospital, Ashby-de-la-Zouch provides accommodation for maternity cases from your District and is much used. The Leicester and Leicestershire Maternity Hospital is also available for cases requiring Institutional treatment. The Fairhaven Nursing Home at Shelbrook, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, is also very convenient to your District for cases of Midwifery.

3. Children:-

Cases requiring Institutional treatment are admitted to Leicester Royal Infirmary. Ashby Cottage Hospital also provides for children and has been much used during the war for operative treatment of enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids.

4. Other:-

Delicate and illnourished children from 3 to 5 years are received at the Children's Convalescent Home, Woodhouse Eaves.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES:-

Infectious diseases are removed by ambulances provided by the Leics. Combined Isolation Hospitals Committee.

Non Infectious Diseases and Civilian Accidents are provided for by an ambulance, provided by St. John's Ambulance Brigade. The Colliery Owner's Association provide ambulances for Colliery Accidents.

CLINICS & TREATMENT CENTRES:-

These are provided by the County Council. An Infant Welfare Centre is held weekly at the Baptist Schoolroom, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. A School and Orthopaedic Clinic is held at the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville. The County Tuberculosis Officers attend weekly at Bridge Road, Coalville. Venereal Diseases Clinic is held at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examinations are provided for in the County Council Laboratory, Leicester.

DISTRICT NURSING.

General Nursing is provided in the homes of a Resident District Nurse, under supervision of the Leicestershire Nursing Association aided by Local Voluntary Contributions. The District Nurse does not attend Infectious Cases, and does not undertake midwifery.

The midwife practicing in your area resides in the parish of Donisthorpe.

There is no provision for the nursing of such cases as Measles in the homes.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.1. Water Supply.

The District is supplied by the Ashby and Swadlincote Joint Water Board from the Milton Water Works, and from the Ashby R.D.C. at Acresford.

There are still some wells in use in the outlying parts of the area.

No. of Samples taken for Analysis.Results.

Source of Samples.	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
	Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
From Wells	-	-	1	1
From Pipe Supply.	-	-	-	-

No. of Wells closed :- NIL

No. of Wells cleansed :- NIL

There were no cases of substitution of Piped Supply for Well water. The piped supply extends throughout the area and is of good quality. Serious shortage of water occurred during the year, resulting in supplies being cut off from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from midnight to 5 a.m.

The formation of a Water Board is under consideration.

Action taken to supplement water supply for emergency use.

The Council joined in a scheme for mutual aid in case of emergency, with other Local Authorities.

2. Drainage and Sewerage:-


No. of Cesspools constructed during the year:- NIL.

No. of Cesspools abolished during the year :- NIL.

Total Number of Cesspools in District on 31st December 1943 :- 10

Particulars of any extension during the year.

- (a) Sewerage :- NIL
- (b) Sewage Disposal :- NIL
- (c) Particulars of any scheme which is at present under consideration :- Sewage Ejectors are being installed at the present time in Albert Village owing to distortions due to mining subsidence.



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3. Closet Accomodation.

Total No. in District on 31st December 1943.

(1)	Privies	8.
(2)	Pail Closets	43.
(3)	Water Closets	604.

No. of Closets converted to the Water carriage system during the year :-

(a)	Privies	--- 0
(b)	Pails	---- 0

No. of Privies converted to pail-closets during the year:- 0

4. Public Cleansing.

House Refuse is collected by the Council's workmen with a covered lorry and conveyed to tips where it is deposited in layers and covered with earth.

Earth Closets and privies are emptied at night. Ashpits and cesspools are emptied at frequent intervals by Council's workmen. Night soil and contents of cesspools are carted on to suitable land and ploughed in. The dry refuse is carted to tips and treated in the same way as House Refuse.

Owing to lack of man power and illness, only a few aged men left, it has been very difficult to keep the Sanitary Service going satisfactorily.

5. Salvage.

Salvage is collected by the Local Authority.

Kitchen waste is collected by pigkeepers and poultry keepers.

Salvage is collected weekly if possible according to man-power.

The Classes of Salvage material collected are:-

Waste Paper - metal - rags - bones - rubber - bottles & jars.

The collection of Salvage does not interfere with the ordinary refuse collection to any appreciable extent.

6. Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Total No. of complaints received 64.

Total No. of defects or nuisances found 87.

	Inspections.
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	123
Tents, Vans etc.	-
Slaughter Houses	-
Food premises	52
Dairies and Cowsheds	79
Offensive Trades	-
Animal Keeping	6
Workshops etc.	12
Shops	12
Other premises	37
Total	<u>321</u>

Notices:-

PRELIMINARY	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st Jany. 1943	3	0
Issued during year	21	85
Complied with during year	24	85
Statutory Action necessary	0	0
Outstanding 31st December 1943	0	0

STATUTORY	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st Jany. 1943	0	0
Issued during year	0	0
Complied with during year	0	0
Outstanding 31st December 1943	0	0

Summary Action:-

No. of Summonses issued	No of convictions obtained
0	0

SHOPS.

No action was taken during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act 1934.

CAMPING SITES.

NIL.

REGULATED BUILDINGS.

NIL.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No action was taken.

No of Council Houses infested	0
No of other dwelling houses found infested	0
No of houses disinfected	0

There were no removals to Council Houses during the year.

SCHOOLS.

Number of schools disinfected.. Nil.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

No. in area.	(a) Publicly owned	0
	(b) privately owned	0

Inspection & Supervision of Food.MILK SUPPLY.Cowkeepers.

Number on Register	12
Number of Inspections made.	36
No. of contraventions found during year	0
" " " remedied during year	0
" " " outstanding on 31st December 1943	0

Dairymen or Purveyors of milk (other than cowkeepers)

No. on register...	20
No. of Inspections made	20
No. of contraventions outstanding from previous year.	0
No. of contraventions found during the year	1
No. of contraventions remedied during year	1
No. of contraventions outstanding on 31st Dec.	0

Total Contraventions.

	Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31st December 1943
Cleansing	0	1	1	0
Structural Alterations	0	0	0	0
Utensils.....	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

Milk Sampling.

Class	Total No. of samples taken for examination	Number Satisfactory	Number Unsatisfactory
Designated	0	0	0
Ordinary	0	0	0

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1936-1941

No. of Licences issued in respect of								
"Tuberculin Tested"			"Accredited"			"Pasteurised"		
Bottling	Distribution		Bottling	Distribution		Pasteurising plants	Retail Disp.	
	Dealers	Supplementary		Dealers	Supp.		Dlrs.	Supp.
) -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

One new cowshed was erected at Littleworth.

MEAT & OTHER FOODS.

No. of Regional Slaughter houses in area	None
No of animals slaughtered in area.	-
No of animals examined in area	-
No of animals slaughtered elsewhere	72
No of animals examined elsewhere	72
No of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	72
No. of Knacker Yards in Area.	-
No of visits to Knacker Yards.	-

Carcases Inspected & Condemned.

	Cattle excl. cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Total wt. in lbs
No. killed (if known)						
No. inspected						
All diseases except Tuberculosis.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	SLAUGHTER HOUSES CLOSED. -----					
% of No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis						
Tuberculosis Only.						
Whole carcasses condemned.						
carcase of which some part or organ was condemned.	SLAUGHTER HOUSES CLOSED. -----					
% of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis.						

MEAT SELLERS:-

No. of inspections Nil

MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES, ETC.

No. of inspections 12

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale:-

No. of inspections 34

Following were condemned:-

One side of Bacon.
Four cases of eggs.
Seven pounds of margarine.

HOUSING.INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1) Total No. of dwelling house inspected for housing
defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 115

(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose 127

(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1)
above) which were inspected and recorded under the
Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932 Nil

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose Nil

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR (cont).

- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. ... Nil

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 19

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

- (a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10, & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:
 (1) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
 (a) By owners 0
 (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0
 (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.
 (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 0
 (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.
 (a) By owners 0
 (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0
 (c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936:
 (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 0
 (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 0
 (d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act 1936:
 (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 0
 (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing orders were determined, the tenement room having been rendered fit. 0
4. HOUSING ACT 1936 -- PART 4 - OVERCROWDING:-
 (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year 0
 (2) Number of families dwelling therein 0
 (3) Number of persons dwelling therein. 0
 (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year 0
 (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year
 (2) Number of persons concerned in each case.
 (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling house have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding 0

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1943

DISEASE	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	3	2	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	12	0	0
Measles	31	0	0
Pneumonia	2	0	3 (all forms)
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	1

The chief features with regard to Infectious Diseases were:-

Measles with 31 cases notified and whooping Cough with 12 cases notified were the chief causes of sickness in children. Fortunately no deaths occurred from either Measles or Whooping Cough.

Scarlet Fever. 3 isolated cases occurred throughout 1943. This disease continues, mild in type, no deaths occurred.

Case Rate	Ashby Woulds Urban District	= 0.99 per 1,000 population
"	England and Wales	= 3.01 per 1,000 population

DIPHTHERIA. A very pleasing feature was the absence of diphtheria during 1943.

A scheme of immunisation against Diphtheria has been carried out by me by sessions held in the schools since the beginning of 1941.

The estimated percentage of children who have completed the immunisation treatment (including those treated privately) at end of 1943.

1 to 4 inclusive	5 to 14 inclusive
<u>70%</u>	<u>85%</u>

Acute Pneumonia. 2 cases were notified during 1943.

3 deaths were attributed to pneumonia which includes secondary pneumonia which is not notifiable.

Puerperal Pyrexia. 2 cases were notified.

1 death occurred from maternal causes other than Sepsis.

Tuberculosis.

The new cases notified were 2 in No., both Non-Respiratory. Two deaths occurred, one male and one female, both respiratory in type.

No action was taken under the Public Health Act (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations 1928) or under the Public Health Act 1936 Section 172.

Three Public Recreation Grounds are provided by the Ashby Woulds Urban District Council at Moira, Spring Cottage and Albert Village. The total area of the three grounds is about 12½ acres. Children's playgrounds are provided at all three grounds. Bowling greens, Tennis courts, and Areas for general games have also been provided for.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the Sanitary Inspector, Mr P.C. Woodhall for his valuable help in compiling this report. Many of the details are taken from his Annual Summary.

I remain Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Thomas Forsyth.

Medical Officer of Health.
